

2021 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

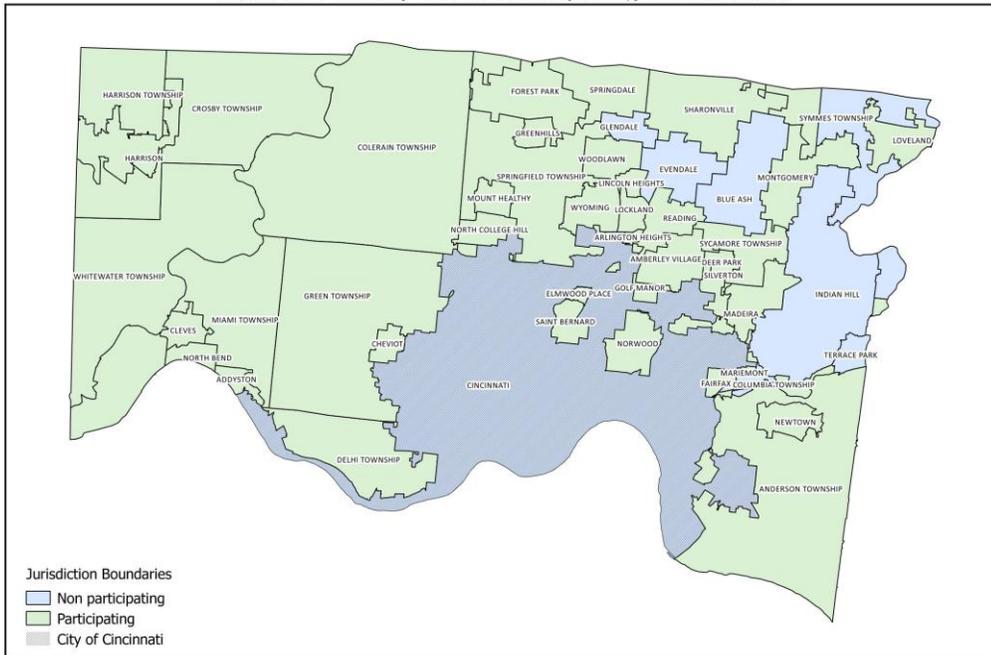
1. Introduction

The 2021 Action Plan is based on flat CDBG, HOME and ESG funds which is consistent with the recent FY2021 Federal Budget passed last week. If grant awards are increased or decreased, the County will make adjustments to these proportional adjustments in each grant category. For CDBG, these program categories are Community Projects; County Wide Programs; and Planning/Administration; For HOME and ESG the categories are programs/projects and Administration.

Hamilton County presents the 2021 Annual Action Plan which outlines the housing and community development needs and objectives for the period of March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. Programs in the plan are funded through these three grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the 2021 Action Plan is based the three grant programs as listed below:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at \$3,405,749
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) at \$1,484,5906
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) at \$292,661

Hamilton County CDBG Participating Jurisdictions



2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

All of the HUD grant programs address one or more of the following goals:

- Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
- Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
- Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
- Spur Economic Development
- Eliminate Slum and Blight
- Further Fair Housing
- Improve Public Facilities
- Improve Public Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The 2021 CDBG allocation is projected at \$3,406,507 and program income is estimated at \$80,000 for a total allocation of \$3,486,507. Over 70% of the CDBG projects will benefit low to moderate income persons and areas, including 15% for public services. Overall, no more than 30% of the grant will be used for slum blight; no projects will result in relocation. Program income includes repayment for Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP) project loans and a small number of home repair loans from 15+ years ago.

CDBG Program Overview

In 2021, CDBG funds will be allocated between community projects in the 41 local governments and county wide programs including the CEDAP program, mini-grants for planning projects and for services from nonprofit agencies through a competitive process as we did in years past. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) reviewed and recommended awards for nonprofit agency programs. Due to the timing of the 2021 funds, contracts will begin on 7/1/2021. The CEDAP Program applications will be reviewed by the CEDAP Advisory Committee made up of CDAC members and HCDCC's Economic Development Committee. Recommendations are made to the County Administration.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

The 2021 HOME grant award is projected to be \$1,484,506; we do not project any program income.

The majority of funds (about \$1.2 million) will be directed towards rental and homeownership housing development projects, including acquisition, new construction and/or rehab. A "Request for Proposals" (RFP) will be published to solicit potential projects and programs for HOME funding. 15% of the funds may be set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) projects as required by HUD; however, the CARES Act waivers allow for this to be waived. CDAC member also review and recommend HOME funding to the County Administration.

The County plans to provide the first year of \$50,000 operating support for a new CHDO – Lydia’s House. The remaining 10% of the grant will be used for administrative costs, including salaries and benefits, training and travel, technical assistance, compliance and miscellaneous office expenses.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The ESG allocation for 2021 is estimated at \$292,661 with no program income. All of these funds will be provided to Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) for administration and rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs. STEH serves as the Continuum of Care agency for the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as required by HUD. City funds are allocated to shelter operations, homeless prevention programs and administration.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Tables in the following sections outline progress made on 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

Public Hearing and Review

The draft 2021 Annual Action Plan was written with the assumption that grant amounts will be flat with 2020 grant amounts and similar funding allocations. Hamilton County will hold public hearings on January 7 and January 14, 2021 to consider this proposed plan as well as projects and programs to be funded during the 2021 program year. Each community published public notices and allowed public comments prior to making requests for funding for the 2021 Action Plan. All these hearings and public participation fulfill the requirements of Hamilton County’s Citizen Participation Plan. A draft 2021 Action Plan will be available, both online and in our offices, for public review and comment between December 16, 2020 and January 15, 2021. Feedback will be added to this document over the next month.

Approvals

The County will receive actual grant amounts from HUD within 60 days of passage of federal budget; this is estimated at February 25, 2021. However, in order to maintain the annual HUD schedule, the Board of County Commissioners will approve the Action Plan on January 21, 2021 with the provision that changes in grant amounts will be applied proportionally to each grant by category. For CDBG the categories are Community Requested Projects, Community Wide Projects and Programs, and Planning/Administration. For HOME, the categories are Compliance/Administration and Projects/Programs. For ESG, the categories are Compliance/Administration and Programs.

5. Summary of public comments

The Board of County Commissioners will hold the first of two public hearings for the 2021 Action Plan on January 7, 2021. The second public hearing will be held on January 14, 2021. Comments will be added to this document and changes made based on feedback received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

TBD

7. Summary

TBD

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Comments and questions concerning Hamilton County's Consolidated Plan can be directed to the contact information listed below.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

To assess the needs that exist within Hamilton County and to complete the Consolidated Plan and thus our Action Plan, the Community Development Department consulted with a wide array of organizations including housing, homeless, social services, fair housing, elderly and disability agencies, as well as the local housing authority. Outreach was made to gather data, determine needs and identify service gaps. The County continues to maintain and develop relationships with these organizations to aid in implementing portions of our Consolidated Plan and to coordinate services. In addition, the County will solicit applications to allocate 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for county-wide nonprofit services. The County will utilize the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to review and recommend services for funding. This committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners and has representatives of participating jurisdictions as well as housing and community development professionals working in the County.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Hamilton County actively works to enhance coordination between housing providers and service agencies. The list below provides a description of the activities that are currently being undertaken:

- Hamilton County works with The Housing Network of Hamilton County, an organization that was established to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. The Housing Network works in conjunction with the Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services (HCDDS) to plan new types and locations of housing that meet the ongoing and future needs of people served by HCDDS. HCDDS provides referrals of people who wish to reside in Housing Network homes.
- The local Continuum of Care collaborative applicant, Strategies to End Homelessness (STETH), coordinates the efforts of organizations which provide services to the homeless and other special populations.
- County staff are active in the Homeless Clearinghouse with STEH, the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, as well as Affordable Housing Advocates. In total, over 60 agencies are represented in these organizations and provide vital feedback to the County on HUD funded programs and projects.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) and Strategies to End Homelessness (CoC Collaborative Applicant) have consistently utilized the Consolidated Plan as the

primary documentation of the strategies, planning, and services being used to address homelessness, particularly chronic homelessness, in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The Homeless Section of the Consolidated Plan has been developed for both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio as part of the local HUD Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CoC) program of the combined jurisdictions. Pursuant to HUD's guidance and the communities' method of conducting planning and facilitating processes for homeless, the jurisdictions have standardized and identical elements within their Consolidated Plans, increasing coordination and reducing duplication of efforts. The Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) oversees CoC planning & gaps analysis, coordinates project outcomes review, priority setting, funding allocation, & monitors elements of the Consolidated Plan. The Homeless Clearinghouse annually reviews program performance in relation to HUD outcome priorities and uses outcomes data to propose changes to the local CoC program prioritization process, and presents these outcome performance measures to CoC membership. Such performance-based prioritization is accompanied by community input to select projects to be included in the annual CoC application. The Homeless Clearinghouse also oversees allocation & planning processes for ESG funds and the monitoring of ESG-funded program performance.

The local homeless services system is working to reduce homelessness by doing the following: 1) Offering comprehensive Homelessness Prevention/Shelter Diversion services, 2) Improving the services that are available to people who are currently homeless, 3) Developing and offering housing resources so that households can exit and not return to homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

ESG funds are used to support operations at the emergency shelters located in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as well as to fund a homelessness prevention program that STEH coordinates.

STEH first facilitates the proportion of ESG funds that will be used for prevention and shelter. STEH then facilitates a community allocation process to distribute the shelter funds, and contracts with the individual service providers. Performance measures related to housing and income are included in the allocation process for shelter funding. STEH uses data collected in the Claritas HMIS system to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding between shelters based on their number of bed nights and their outcomes related specifically to income and positive housing results. Each annual allocation uses prior calendar year data. In 2013, funds dedicated to the shelters were distributed amongst eight agencies (10 total programs) and spent on operational expenses including: rent, maintenance and repair, food, furnishings, supplies and other necessities of the shelter.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

The County utilizes the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to review and recommend services for funding. The committee is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and has representatives of participating jurisdictions as well as housing and community development professionals working in the County. This will occur throughout the year for all funding decisions throughout the program year.

County staff also engage with the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, Affordable Housing Advocates, the Greater Cincinnati Human Services Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton County First Suburbs Consortium, the Greater Cincinnati Managers Association, the Hamilton County Township Association and the Hamilton County Municipal League.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, phone and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2021 programs
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Fair housing issues
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, phone and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2021 programs
3	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Vincent de Paul
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Elderly Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services/ County wide programs – CDBG
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, phone and meetings
4	Agency/Group/Organization	FREESTORE FOODBANK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Homeless Services-Employment Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, in person, phone and meetings
5	Agency/Group/Organization	HCDC (formerly Hamilton County Development Company)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, phone and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2021 programs
6	Agency/Group/Organization	The Housing Network of Hamilton County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, phone and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2021 programs
7	Agency/Group/Organization	ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CHEVIOT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, in person or phone consultation
9	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF CLEVES, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, in person or phone consultation
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF DEER PARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, in person or phone consultation
11	Agency/Group/Organization	DELHI TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
12	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FOREST PARK, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation

13	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF GLENDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
14	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
15	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
16	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF HARRISON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
17	Agency/Group/Organization	HARRISON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
18	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
19	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF MADEIRA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
20	Agency/Group/Organization	MIAMI TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
21	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF MT. HEALTHY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
22	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
23	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
24	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SHARONVILLE, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
25	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SPRINGDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email, in person or phone consultation
26	Agency/Group/Organization	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation

27	Agency/Group/Organization	WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
28	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF WYOMING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
29	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other of government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
30	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
31	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ADDYSTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
32	Agency/Group/Organization	AMBERLY VILLAGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
33	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
34	Agency/Group/Organization	COLERAIN TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	GREEN TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
36	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LOVELAND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
37	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
38	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Action Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Families Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
40	Agency/Group/Organization	Lydia’s House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Housing Service- Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Working in Neighborhoods
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
42	Agency/Group/Organization	Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Housing (Mortgage Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention)
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
43	Agency/Group/Organization	Columbia Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
44	Agency/Group/Organization	Crosby Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
45	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Elmwood Place
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
46	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Fairfax
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
47	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Lockland
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
48	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Montgomery
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
49	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of North Bend
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
50	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Reading

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
51	Agency/Group/Organization	Sycamore Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
52	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Woodlawn
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email or phone consultation
53	Agency/Group/Organization	MORTAR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service – Workforce Development, Business Planning
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
54	Agency/Group/Organization	Pro Seniors Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Legal Services to access government benefits
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
55	Agency/Group/Organization	IKRON Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Workforce Development, Life Skills
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

None

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Strategies to End Homelessness	Housing and homelessness goals match
Housing Our Future	LISC	Housing strategies are being implemented in community specific Housing Action Plans

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation - Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Hamilton County took a variety of approaches in seeking to broaden citizen participation (see Citizen Participation Plan in Appendix A). As detailed below, participating jurisdictions were required to conduct at least two public hearings regarding community priorities and selection of projects. Newspaper ads publicizing these hearings were posted as required

Two County-wide public hearings will be conducted to seek comment on both proposed projects and the draft Action Plan. The Plan will also be made available for public comment for a 30-day period.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Notice	County Wide	n/a	TBD	TBD	
2	Public Hearing	County wide	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3	Public Hearing	County wide	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Original Con Plan and Action Plan assumed that HUD grants will be the same as 2021 grants and stipulated that any increases or decreases in grant amounts, proportional cuts or additions will be made by grant category – for example: CDBG Admin/Planning; CDBG County Wide Programs; CDBG community projects; HOME admin and HOME programs/projects; ESG admin and ESG programs. The estimated and actual grant amounts are listed below:

Grant	Estimated Grant	Actual Grant	Difference	% Change
CDBG	\$3,406,507	TBD		
HOME	\$1,484,819	TBD		
ESG	\$292,661	TBD		

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition/Demo Admin& Planning Economic Development Housing Repairs Public Facilities & Public Improvements Public Services	\$3.3 M	\$80K	\$0	\$3.4 million	\$13.5 million	Estimate is flat grant funds for all years
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition/Demo Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction and rehab for ownership	\$1.2 M	\$0	\$0	\$1.3 million	\$5.2 million	Estimate is flat grant funds for all years
ESG	public - federal		\$280K	\$0	\$0	\$280K	\$1.12 million	Estimate is flat grant funds for all years

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG projects leverage funds from a variety of sources. Communities undertaking large capital improvement projects often receive State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds and or Local Transportation Improvement Program funds (LTIP). The funds are awarded by the State of Ohio on a competitive basis. Some communities generate local funds through Tax Increment Financing. TIF is an economic development mechanism available to local governments in Ohio

to finance public infrastructure improvements and, in certain circumstances, residential rehabilitation. A TIF works by locking in the taxable worth of real property at the value it holds at the time the authorizing legislation was approved. Payments derived from the increased assessed value of any improvement to real property beyond that amount are directed towards a separate fund to finance the construction of public infrastructure defined within the TIF legislation. Often, participating communities will contribute their capital improvement or general funds to a project to fill a gap. Additionally, the new Community and Economic Development Assistance Program has leveraged funds for catalytic projects; the complexity and value of projects is expected to increase in the next 5 years. The Section 108 loan program will leverage funds as well.

Matching funds for HOME Program activities are provided by volunteer labor in Habitat for Humanity projects. The amount generated annually more than covers HOME match requirements. Other possible sources of match include the value of labor, donated materials, equipment and professional services donated to County CHDOs constructing or rehabbing affordable housing.

Match requirements for the ESG Program are met through donations from the business community or other private sources received by our Continuum of Care lead agency, Strategies to End Homelessness.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Each jurisdiction has separate plans, control of zoning, and land use development. Some communities have recently become active by buying parcels, assembling property for redevelopment, soliciting developers – examples include Silverton with the new mixed use AG47 project and Lockland with the former Stearns + Foster property as well as recently funded CEDAP project in Woodlawn. We anticipate that this assemblage will increase.

Housing Plans for six communities are underway and will include an analysis of city/village/township owned properties. Some communities have developed partnerships with the Land Bank works to control additional parcels such as the single family home acquired in Green Township for redevelopment.

Discussion

County staff assists jurisdictions as needed with mini-grants, technical assistance, in-kind staff time and matching funds.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Grant	Start Year	End Year	Category (Program)	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Project	Funding	Outcome	# of Units Per Year
CDBG	2021	2022	Acquisition/ Demolition	Addyston	Eliminate Blighted Properties	Acquisition and Demolition	\$15,000	Building	1
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Cleves	Improve Public Facilities	Community Park ADA Playground	\$58,000	Individuals	10,000
CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Colerain Township	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance Program	\$30,000	Households	10
CDBG	2021	2022	Planning and Acquisition/Demolition	Colerain Township	Eliminate Blighted Properties	Goesbeck Strategic Plan + Implementation	\$30,000	Individuals	20000

CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Colerain Township	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Emergency Home Repairs	\$10,000	Households	10
CDBG	2021	2022	Acquisition/ Demolition	Colerain Township	Eliminate Blighted Properties	Acquisition and Demolition	\$30,000	Buildings	3
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Columbia Township	Improve Public Facilities	Senior/Community/Event Center Elevator Installation	\$65,000	Individuals	20000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Delhi Township	Improve Public Infrastructure	Delhi Park ADA Playground	\$50,000	Individuals	10000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Elmwood Place	Improve Public Infrastructure	Township Avenue and Vine Street Reconstruction	\$90,000	Individuals	10000
CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Forest Park	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Home Improvement Repair Program	\$7,500	Households	8

CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Golf Manor	Improve Quality of Life	Property Maintenance /Code Enforcement	\$13,000	Individuals	4000
CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Greenhills	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Homeowner Repair Program	\$10,000	Households	20
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Green Township	Improve Public Facilities	Senior Center Parking Lot Reconstruction and Expansion	\$110,000	Individuals	5000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Lincoln Heights	Improve Public Facilities	Memorial Park Playground	\$50,000	Individuals	3000
CDBG	2021	2022	Acquisition/ Demolition	Lockland	Eliminate Blighted Properties	Acquisition and Demolition TBD	\$32,000	Buildings	2
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Loveland	Improving Public Infrastructure	Water Valve Replacement Program	\$75,000	Individuals	5000

CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Newtown	Improve Public Facilities	Short Park Revitalization Basketball Courts	\$25,000	Individuals	3000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Norwood	Improving Public Infrastructure	Forest, Robertson, Varelman Street Reconstruction	\$300,000	Individuals	20000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Norwood	Improving Public Infrastructure	Sidewalk Improvements ADA and Safety Matching Program	\$50,000	Households	15
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Norwood	Improving Public Infrastructure	ADA Curb Ramp Replacement	\$30,000	Individuals	5000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Facility Improvements	Sharonville	Improving Public Infrastructure	Community Center Elevator Modernization Project	\$73,000	Individuals	4000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Silverton	Improving Public Infrastructure	Montgomery Rd Gateway	\$40,000	Individuals	4000

CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Silverton	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Homeowner Repair Revolving Loan Fund	\$20,000	Households	10
CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	Springdale	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	Homeowner Repair Program	\$15,000	Households	15
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Springdale	Improving Public Infrastructure	New Bus Shelters on Kemper and on Springfield Pike)	\$25,000	Individuals	10000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Springdale	Improving Public Infrastructure	Tree Planting	\$15,000	Individuals	4000
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Services	Springfield Township	Improve Quality of Life	West College Hill Neighborhood Services	\$50,000	People	300
CDBG	2021	2022	Public Infrastructure Improvements	Sycamore Township	Improving Public Infrastructure	Bechtold Park ADA Improvements	\$110,000	Individuals	5000
CDBG	2021	2022	Acquisition/ Demolition	Woodlawn	Eliminate Blighted Properties	Acquisition and Demolition TBD	\$10,000	Building	1

CDBG	2021	2022	Administration	P+D Community Developmen t	All Goals	Planning & Administration	\$495,000	N/A	N/A
CDBG	2021	2022	Administration	P+D Community Planning	All Goals	Mini Planning Grants	\$100,000	People	50,000
CDBG	2021	2022	Economic Development	HCDC	Spur Economic Development	Economic Development & Administration	\$50,000	Businesses	2
CDBG	2021	2022	Economic Development	HCDC and P+D Community Developmen t	Spur Economic Development	Community & Economic Development Assistance Program	\$400,000	People, Buildings, Businesses	TBD
CDBG	2021	2022	Lead Abatement & Poison Prevention	Ham Co Public Health and P+D Community Developmen t	Improve Quality of Life	HUD Lead Grant Match	\$100,000	People	100
CDBG	2021	2022	Nonprofit Services	To Be Determined	Improve Quality of Life	To Be Determined	\$400,000	People	TBD
CDBG	2021	2022	Homeowner Repair Program	To Be Determined	Improve Quality of Life	Critical Home Repairs	\$100,000	Housing Units	100
CDBG	2021	2022	Fair Housing	Housing Opportuniti es Made Equal	Further Fair Housing	Fair Housing Assistance & Compliance	\$75,000	Housing Units	125
HOME	2021	2022	Administration	Planning + Developmen t	Provide Affordable Housing	Planning & Administration	\$140,000	Housing Units	15
HOME	2021	2022	CHDO Operating Support	Lydia's House	Provide Affordable Housing	Develop Affordable Housing	\$50,000	Nonprofit	1

HOME	2021	2022	Housing Development Projects	To Be Determined	Provide Affordable Rental Housing	To Be Determined	\$250,000	Housing Units	50
HOME	2021	2022	Housing Development Projects	To Be Determined	Provide Affordable Homeownership Housing	To Be Determined	\$500,000	Housing Units	10
HOME	2021	2022	Down Payment Assistance	To Be Determined	Provide Affordable Homeownership Housing	To Be Determined	\$250,000	Housing Units	15
HOME	2021	2022	Homeowner Improvement Program	To Be Determined	Provide Affordable Homeownership Housing	To Be Determined	\$100,000	Housing Units	20
ESG	2021	2022	Administration	Strategies to End Homelessness	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	Administration	\$25,000	Housing Units	N/A
ESG	2021	2022	Rapid Rehousing + Homeless Prevention	Strategies to End Homelessness	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	Rapid Rehousing + Homeless Prevention	\$260,000	People	300

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Eliminate Slum and Blight
	Goal Description	Eliminate slum and blight throughout the County through Acquisition/Demo; Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP), Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs, Section 108 Loan pool
2	Goal Name	Further Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Further fair housing through the Fair Housing Program with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) and Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs
3	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve public facilities throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. Frequently, funds are used for parks and senior centers, playgrounds, etc.
4	Goal Name	Improve Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve Public Infrastructure throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. This could include streetscape improvements, street paving, ADA sidewalk installation, fire hydrant replacement, etc.
5	Goal Name	Improve Quality of Life
	Goal Description	Improve Quality of Life through public services throughout the County.
6	Goal Name	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	Goal Description	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners throughout the County through the Housing Repair Services and Housing Development/Homebuyer Assistance Programs, Grants/Loans, Home Improvement Repair Programs, Foreclosure Prevention and Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs
7	Goal Name	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
	Goal Description	Provide Affordable Housing for Renter through the Housing Development, Eviction Prevention, Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs. Related programs and outcomes for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing

8	Goal Name	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness through STEH as well as Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing, ESG Administration programs. Related programs and outcomes under Provide Affordable Housing for Renters. They are not included here to avoid duplication in the outcomes totals.
9	Goal Name	Spur Economic Development
	Goal Description	Spur Economic Development through the CEDAP Program, Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs, Mini-Grants, and HCDC programs, the County's contractual agency for all economic development related activities, and their programs. Programs may include corridor development studies, small business loans, planning services, etc.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Consolidated Plan includes a new focus on housing programs, including Lead testing, abatement and lead poisoning prevention, as well as a Section 8 loan pool.

Proposed Programs

- 1 Administration
- 2 Acquisition/Demolition
- 3 Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement
- 4 Fair Housing
- 5 Public Facility Improvements
- 6 Public Infrastructure Improvements
- 7 Accessibility Improvements
- 8 Lead Abatement & Poison Prevention
- 9 Public Services
- 10 Homeowner Assistance Programs
- 11 Housing Development Projects & Programs
- 12 All HESG-ESG Programs
- 13 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
- 14 Economic Development
- 15 Section 108 Loan Pool

Table 7 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The biggest barrier to meeting the underserved needs is the lack of adequate resources. The County will continue to leverage funds to make the best investments and meet more needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

2021 Annual Action Plan by Grant, Community and Programs & Projects

CBDG

CDBG Community Specific Programs

Community	Project/Program	Amount
Addyston	Acquisition and Demolition	\$15,000
Cleves	Community Park ADA Playground	\$58,000
Colerain Township	Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance Program	\$30,000
	Groesbeck Strategic Plan + Implementation	\$30,000
	Emergency Home Repairs	\$10,000
	Acquisition and Demolition	\$30,000
Columbia Township	Senior/Community/Event Center Elevator Installation	\$65,000
Delhi Township	Delhi Park ADA Playground	\$50,000
Elmwood Place	Township Avenue and Vine Street Reconstruction	\$90,000
Forest Park	Home Improvement Repair Program	\$7,500
Golf Manor	Code Enforcement	\$13,000
Greenhills	Homeowner Repair Program	\$10,000
Green Township	Senior Center Parking Lot Reconstruction and Expansion	\$110,000
Lincoln Heights	Memorial Park Playground	\$50,000
Lockland	Acquisition and Demolition TBD	\$32,000
Loveland	Water Valves	\$75,000

Newtown	Short Park Revitalization Basketball Courts	\$25,000
Norwood	Forest, Robertson, Varelman Street Reconstruction	\$300,000
	Sidewalk Improvements ADA and Safety Matching Program	\$50,000
	ADA Curb Ramp Replacement	\$30,000
Sharonville	Community Center Elevator Modernization Project	\$73,000
Silverton	Montgomery Rd Gateway	\$40,000
	Homeowner Repair Revolving Loan Fund	\$20,000
Springdale	Homeowner Repair Program	\$15,000
	Two New Bus Shelters (on Kemper and on Springfield Pike)	\$25,000
	Tree Planting	\$15,000
Springfield Township	West College Hill Neighborhood Services	\$50,000
Sycamore Township	Bechtold Park ADA Improvements	\$110,000
Woodlawn	Acquisition and Demolition TBD	\$10,000

Total Community Specific Projects & Programs **\$ 1,438,500**

CDBG Total Community Wide Programs		
Agency	Project/Program	Amount
HCDC	Economic Development Services	\$ 50,000
H.O.M.E.	Fair Housing Services	\$ 75,000
To Be Determined	Mini-Grants for Planning	\$ 100,000
To Be Determined	Nonprofit Services	\$520,000
To Be Determined	Homeowner Housing Programs	\$100,000
Hamilton County Public Health	Lead Control Program	\$ 100,000

To Be Determined	Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP)	\$ 525,000
To Be Determined	Section 108 Loan Pool	\$ -
Total Community Wide Programs		\$ 1,470,000
Planning + Development	Planning + Administration	\$500,000
Total CDBG		\$ 3,408,500
HOME		
Agency	Project/Program	Amount
Planning + Development	Administration	\$ 148,482
Lydia's House	CHDO Operating Support	\$50,000
To Be Determined	Housing Development Projects & Programs	\$ 1,336,337
Total HOME Projects & Programs		\$ 1,484,819
ESG		
Agency	Project/Program	Amount
Strategies to End Homelessness	Rapid Rehousing Program + Homeless Prevention	\$272,174
Strategies to End Homelessness	Administration	\$ 20,487
Total ESG Projects & Programs		\$ 292,661

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Geographic Distribution

Based on community asks – plus competitive process for mini-grant, HOME RFP, and CEDAP – future years may include more competitive funding programs

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
N/A	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Each community can ask for funds and no allocation priorities are made by geography. Competitive funding for programs including mini-grants, affordable housing and community and economic development assistance program determines the balance of spending. Geographically, funding is spread throughout the county.

The county will be working with each community create housing plans and inclusion plans for each community and will give preference for projects in these communities.

Discussion

Communities with more need are prioritized for competitive funding in mini-grants and CEDAP awards. Communities range in size from 700 to 40,000 people and have varying degrees of staffing, budgets, etc.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	500
Special-Needs	25
Total	625

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	25
Rehab of Existing Units	500
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	325

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

HOME funds will be provided via the RFP process to including down payment assistance, homeowner rehab, new construction and rehab of rental units; CDBG funds will help existing homeowners with repairs and foreclosure prevention; CDBG funds will provide eviction prevention with rent and utility assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

County will support competitive RAD projects through HOME funding RFP cycle. Marianna Terrace Apartments has been funded at \$210,000 with 2019 HOME funds and additional funds may be awarded. The County will continue to award funds using Requests for Proposals and Community Development Advisory Committee recommendations to County Administration.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Support CMHA's homeownership and self-sufficiency fair held twice a year by promoting it on social media and with community leaders.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

One of the CMHA challenging is going to be converting 100 single family homes to homeownership units. This is expensive and some of the homes are in non-participating communities. The County will work with CMHA and local governments to brainstorm for solutions. The down payment assistance program could be used for this process.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) acts as the Unified Funding Agency for the Hamilton County Continuum of Care and is responsible for overseeing all homelessness activities across the region. The CoC is in the process of completing a strategic plan to set goals for the next two years. Hamilton County participates in the CoC as a voting member.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

The 2020 – 2022 strategic plan outlines four goals with related actions for reducing and ending homelessness, the result of that strategic plan was a set of goals that focus on increased partnership and looking inward to improve operations within the CoC:

- Advocacy for federal, state, and local initiatives that reduce homelessness such as an affordable housing trust fund and reducing evictions.
 - o Establish ad-hoc committee to select issues
 - o Develop messages and identify audiences
- Strengthen the CoC's operations
 - o Research and share best practices for CoCs and agencies
 - o Implement policies that empower working groups to give more decision making authority
- Engage Landlords to increase and retain affordable housing and remove barriers
 - o Explore landlord recruitment initiative
 - o Engage with other groups working on affordable housing
 - o Formalize partnership with Affordable Housing Advocates
 - o Work with CMHA to improve eligibility/understanding of income-based housing
 - o Explore funding for housing repair funds
 - o Form partnerships with agencies for repairs/improvements to residences

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates street outreach efforts with community partners that employ trained social workers to provide case management to homeless persons in our community. Social workers reach out directly and build crucial relationships with people experiencing homelessness to assist them in finding resources and shelter. Local street outreach partners include:

- Block by Block, through 3CDC (formerly Downtown Cincinnati Inc.)

- PATH Team, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health
- Community Outreach Division, Cincinnati VA Medical Center
- Street Outreach Team, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Homeless transition efforts start with the specialized by population served nature of the five emergency shelters: Over the past 10 years, the number of shelters has decreased and the services at each shelter have increased. They now include:

- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Sheakley Center for Youth – Young Adult Shelter
- Talbert House – Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
- City Gospel Mission – Men’s Faith-Based Shelter
- Shelterhouse: Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women – Women-Only Shelter
- Shelterhouse: David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men – Safe & Step-Up Shelter for Men

Upgrades to the community’s shelter facilities and services include:

- Improved shelter facilities, which encourage people to come in off the streets at night; plus, the improved shelters no longer turn residents back to the streets during the day
- Daytime services, which include drug and alcohol treatment, mental and medical health services, and job search and placement
- Higher quality and increased case management services to help residents navigate complex systems effectively, and receive the assistance they need to exit homelessness
- Step-up model, which incentivizes residents to engage in the services that will assist them out of homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Beyond the emergency shelter system is a three pronged approach to reducing the period of time persons experience homelessness and ensuring they find permanent housing solutions via Rapid Re-housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing offerings:

- Rapid rehousing utilizes a housing first approach to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- Permanent supportive housing combines services and housing to support persons with serious mental illness or other disabilities that need professional care, advocacy and assistance to find stability.
- Transitional Housing are those programs, through the Continuum of Care, that facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing via short or medium term assistance lasting from one month to two years.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

- The Center for Respite Care assists persons coming from health care facilities who need shelter.
- There is inadequate supply of recovery housing for persons dealing with addiction, particularly opioid addiction.
- The Office of ReEntry provides supportive services for anyone with a criminal background but housing remains the largest need.
- CMHA recently received 16 additional Housing Choice Vouchers for HUD-VASH recipients who may be coming from mental health and/or health care facilities

Discussion

The County will continue to partner with outside agencies and seek additional funding to meet these needs.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Many of the barriers to affordable housing are also barriers to fair housing and have been studied in several housing and development studies in the past three year including 2017 Affordability Study, 100% Housing report, 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (available at this link:

<https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=15912327>)

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Fair Housing report summary includes two categories of actions: RESOURCES NEEDED AND SYSTEMATIC CHANGES NEEDED as outlined below. **Attachment C** includes 2020 progress made and 2021 plans for this plan.

RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE A MEASUREABLE DIFFERENCE

Establish a city and a county affordable housing trust fund(s)

Cities and regions across the country are pledging millions of dollars to create and maintain affordable housing in places where the market is no longer adequately keeping up with demand. This need is heightened because federal funds for this purpose are declining significantly and because private market property owners are able to command higher rents in strengthening real estate markets, and because as properties age and are not maintained, they are no longer livable and are being demolished. The scale of this problem demands that significant resources be dedicated to this purpose.

Over the next several years both the City and the County should be aspiring to make up to \$10 million available annually until the need is reduced.

Support catalytic economic and community development investments in north central Hamilton County

The communities in north central Hamilton County (in both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County) have affordable housing, both rental and ownership, and they have social networks that have included Black families and immigrant and refugee families for decades. These are mostly small political jurisdictions that have a difficult time generating the funds necessary for

catalytic economic and community development projects. The region needs to support these communities and provide resources for the kinds of projects that can improve the trajectory of these places so they stay welcoming communities of choice.

Support regional and community-based organizations that create and support affordable housing

Regional development organizations like the Port, the Hamilton County Landbank, Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC), Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Habitat for Humanity Greater Cincinnati, Volunteers of America, Working in Neighborhoods, the Housing Network of Hamilton County, and the myriad of private and non-profit agencies working to provide stable, supportive affordable housing options should be supported to maximize production.

Community-based community development corporations (CDCs) and other kinds of community and housing organizations play an important role in comprehensive community development. They provide and maintain affordable housing, engage residents, are accountable to them, and help create positive local change. When these organizations are well staffed and properly resourced, they can accomplish great things in the communities where they work. We do not necessarily need to create more CDCs, but we need to support those that are doing good work and encourage them to work in more communities.

Support agencies which protect vulnerable households

There is an existing network of organizations that support vulnerable protected class household, including the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Community Action Agency (CAA), Freestore Foodbank, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Talbert House, Strategies to End Homelessness, Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, Lighthouse Youth Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and many others. While the right long-term solution to issues these organizations work on is that all households should have the resources and the capacity to support themselves, we are a long way from that today. These organizations need to be adequately resourced to follow their missions, and then held accountable for agreed upon outcomes.

ACTIONS NEEDED TO CHANGE OUR SYSTEMS:

Expand public transportation

Much of Hamilton County remains off limits to protected class households who need public

transportation. Access to public transportation is poor in many communities because service is limited, routes are not well designed, and location stops are restricted.

Access to reliable public transportation needs to be extended throughout Hamilton County and to employment and other opportunities throughout the region.

Create more lending products that work for protected class households

Access to capital for mortgages and home improvement loans remains a challenge for protected class households. Access to good, affordable home ownership opportunities are often limited because people cannot get appropriate loan products. The housing crisis and the following tightening of credit standards has only made an already difficult situation worse.

There are thousands of single-family homes in Hamilton County available for sale for under \$100,000. This could translate into monthly housing expenses of under \$800 a month and provide very affordable options for people.

Banks are often unwilling to lend smaller mortgage amounts, or make loans for purchase and rehabilitation. These issues, along with racial disparities, as evidenced by Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data, and people with poor credit histories, all conspire to limit access to capital in communities that would be great options.

Improve housing crisis response

Being evicted, unable to find housing you can afford or becoming homeless are among the most traumatic, chaotic, stressful, destabilizing situations a household can endure. This is the definition of a crisis for a family. When a household is in the midst of this kind of situation, they need immediate support. The current network of help lines, support services, and intake systems designed to support these most vulnerable households are tremendously overburdened, in part due to the lack of affordable housing units.

During focus group meetings, vulnerable households reported feeling abandoned by the systems that are designed to help them at this critical “intake” moment. There needs to be a better way to humanize this process and provide a more effective response to households in crisis.

Engage in active, consistent professional code enforcement

Poor property conditions are a huge problem for protected class households, especially in rental and owner-occupied units. Lack of access to capital, as described above, is part of the problem. Unscrupulous property management practices by large Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), who now own significant numbers of multi-family and single-family homes in the

region, is another. There are also smaller rental property owners, some who are local and some who are not, who are not properly maintaining their properties.

Active, consistent, professional code enforcement is a critical part of what it takes to manage these kinds of units.

In small political jurisdictions, this function is often a part-time position. In bigger cities, competing interests often limit resources.

In all of these places, good code enforcement is the only protection many protected class households have to ensure their units are safe and healthy. Helping shore up this function of government is important to safe sanitary housing and to protection vulnerable households.

Change zoning codes to open new areas to protected class households

Zoning codes and land use decisions often constrain housing choices in communities. Many of these codes and plans have been in place, and unchanged, for decades. Restrictive single-family zoning districts, large lot size requirements, onerous planned unit development regulations, and hearing processes often constrain housing variety in a place.

These regulations are enacted to protect property values, but they also sometimes effectively limit choice and options for protected class households. Jurisdictions in the County with these kinds of restrictive codes should be encouraged to eliminate restrictive provisions and seek to expand options for their residents and be more welcoming to new residents.

Elected and appointed officials should be supporting expanded housing options throughout Hamilton County and supporting organizations and jurisdictions that pursue them.

Discussion:

Over the next 5 years, these goals and recommendations will be measured and re-evaluated to remain organic as strategies and programs are tested, revised, refined and shared. The progress will be measured in annual Action Plans and CAPERs as well as public meetings, reports and complimentary planning efforts.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Community Development works with outside agencies, internal County divisions and departments and other government officials on many needs listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County will continue invest funds strategically to make the most impact in the community with priority given to projects that leverage of HOME and CDBG funds.

The County will seek other funding and will assist stakeholder partners to do so as well.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Community Wide Housing Strategy will be implemented with pilot programs; housing plans will be created with and for each local government as requested. The HOME RFP for affordable housing projects will continue to be improved. County staff will continue engagement with the Greater Cincinnati Affordable Housing Advocates and the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

CDBG funds will be used as matching funds for the Lead Pollution Control Grant with Hamilton County Public Health. Community Development will reach out to communities to expend those funds and any other grant funds.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

We will continue to create and implement the “Connect the Dots Summit” originally set for April 2020 to address the increase in poverty in the County outside of the City. Implementation of the ideas will continue throughout the coming year. Plans are tentatively set for a virtual workshop in spring 2021.

Comment [CE1]: Replace with something else?

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

CHDO operating support continues to be needed for a new CHDO, Lydia’s House. A contract was signed in December for 2021 support of \$50,000 for technical assistance and long term planning.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Community Wide “Housing Our Future” housing strategy was released in June with monthly

webinars on specific subjects. County HOME funds are being used to develop housing action plans for six communities, including Cheviot, Silverton, Deer Park, Addyston, Springfield Township and ????

During 2020, County staff have developed new relationships with nonprofits throughout the County that were funded with general CARES funds. The Greater Cincinnati Human Services Chamber of Commerce was very involved in this process as well.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a 2020 operating budget with \$1 million set aside for affordable housing programs. It also includes \$1.5 million for economic development projects. Both of these are brand new initiatives and details will be determined in 1st quarter 2021.

Discussion:

County staff and leadership will be defining specific goals, action steps and pilot programs for 2021 and beyond. This will include input and feedback from current and new partners and stakeholders. It is assumed that multi-year goals and programs will continue to be created, tested, measured, tweaked, changed, improved and grown to ensure the best outcomes.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities \$0	0
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HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

None. All activities are as listed in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The County utilizes the prorated reduction method of recapturing HOME funds for all assistance to homebuyers as required in 24 CFR § 92.254(a)(5). Depending on the length of the period of affordability, a percentage of the assistance is forgiven each year until there is no balance remaining. As an example, assistance provided requiring a 5-year period of affordability would be forgiven at a rate of 20% per year. If a home is sold prior to the end of the original homebuyers' affordability period, the County recaptures the appropriate portion of HOME funds

from the homebuyer and reports it as program income.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Hamilton County will use the HOME Program guidelines as a minimum in determining the period of affordability for NSP funds. Funding provided per rental or homeownership unit <\$15,000 will have a 5-year period of affordability, funding provided between \$15,000 and \$40,000 per unit will have a 10-year period of affordability, and funding >\$40,000 per unit will have a 15-year period of affordability.

New construction rental projects will have a 20-year period of affordability, regardless of amount of subsidy, as required by the HOME regulations.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Hamilton County will not use HOME funds for this purpose.